

CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator: Christopher Anderson	Team: Squad #12	CCRB Case #: 202001332	<input type="checkbox"/> Force	<input type="checkbox"/> Discourt.	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S.
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> O.L.	<input type="checkbox"/> Injury
Incident Date(s) Tuesday, 02/04/2020 2:25 AM	Location of Incident: Front of 1358 Sheridan Avenue	Precinct: 44	18 Mo. SOL 8/4/2021	EO SOL 3/21/2022	
Date/Time CV Reported Tue, 02/04/2020 2:44 AM	CV Reported At: IAB	How CV Reported: Phone	Date/Time Received at CCRB Tue, 02/18/2020 11:07 AM		

Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Address

Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command
1. DTS Steven Ramunno	5143	930874	044 PCT

Witness Officer(s)	Shield No	Tax No	Cmd Name
1. POM Edgar Pino	08082	957270	044 PCT
2. POM Vincent Fortino	23156	963996	044 PCT
3. POF Lilani Cometta	01926	965693	044 PCT

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
A.DTS Steven Ramunno	Abuse: Detective Steven Ramunno stopped § 87(2)(b)	
B.DTS Steven Ramunno	Abuse: Detective Steven Ramunno failed to provide § 87(2)(b) with a business card.	
§ 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)		

Case Summary

On February 4, 2020, a 911 operator called the IAB Command Center and connected § 87(2)(b) who filed this complaint, which was subsequently received at the CCRB on February 18, 2020.

On February 4, 2020, at approximately 2:25 a.m., § 87(2)(b) exited his home and walked down the street. As he passed 1358 Sheridan Avenue in the Bronx, a marked NYPD van occupied by Det. Steven Ramunno, PO Vincent Fortino, PO Edgar Pino, and PO Lilani Cometta, all from the 44th Precinct, stopped in front of him. Det. Steven Ramunno instructed § 87(2)(b) to approach the van (**Allegation A -Abuse of Authority: Stop,** § 87(2)(g) § 87(2)(b) was subsequently released without being issued a summons or arrested. Det. Ramunno failed to provide § 87(2)(b) with a business card after the interaction concluded (**Allegation B -Abuse of Authority: Failure to provide RTKA card,** § 87(2)(g) § 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)

§ 87(2)(b)

§ 87(2)(b)

The CCRB received Body-Worn Camera (BWC) footage related to this incident (Board Review 01), and it was summarized (Board Review 02).

Findings and Recommendations

Allegation (A) Abuse of Authority: Detective Steven Ramunno stopped § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(b) stated to the CCRB (Board Review 03) that on February 4, 2020, at a time determined by the investigation to be approximately 2:25 a.m., he exited his home, located at § 87(2)(b) in the Bronx. § 87(2)(b) walked § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(b) walked from the sidewalk into the roadway, thinking that a speed bump in the roadway behind him would prevent any vehicle from approaching him in a dangerous way. As § 87(2)(b) crossed the street near 1368 Sheridan Avenue, a marked van moved towards § 87(2)(b) The van stopped, and, through an open door window, Det. Ramunno said to § 87(2)(b) “Come here for a minute.” This was the first statement any officer made to § 87(2)(b) asked, “Why?” and Det. Ramunno replied, “Because you didn’t cross at the crosswalk.” § 87(2)(b) spoke with Det. Ramunno further, and the interaction concluded without him being issued a summons.

The BWC footage Det. Ramunno recorded of this interaction captures, at 2:25 a.m., his being seated in a moving vehicle, which stops. After this, the audio stream begins, and Det. Ramunno informs § 87(2)(b) that crosswalks are in place to prevent pedestrians from being struck by vehicles. The remainder of the footage captures Det. Ramunno’s conversation with § 87(2)(b) which includes his requesting § 87(2)(b) s identification card, his obtaining § 87(2)(b) s name and date of birth after learning § 87(2)(b) was not in possession of one, and his informing § 87(2)(b) that a 150 dollar fine was associated with entering a roadway outside a crosswalk. The footage concludes with Det. Ramunno telling § 87(2)(b) “Have a good night.” The footage concludes at 2:28 a.m.

Det. Ramunno stated to the CCRB (Board Review 04) that he did not recall, either independently or after being presented with the BWC footage he recorded, his interaction with § 87(2)(b) whatsoever.

§ 87(2)(g)

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It is unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon a roadway adjacent to an area where sidewalks are provided and may be used with safety. New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, Title 7, Article 27, Section 1156 (Board Review 05).

§ 87(2)(g)

Allegation (B) Abuse of Authority: Detective Steven Ramunno failed to provide § 87(2)(b) with a business card.

In a telephone statement to the CCRB after his CCRB interview, § 87(2)(b) stated (Board Review 06) that he did not request a business card from Det. Ramunno and that Det. Ramunno did not provide him with one. § 87(2)(b) was not arrested and did not receive a summons as a result of this incident.

Det. Ramunno did not recall his interaction with § 87(2)(b) did not recall providing his business card to any individual on the date of incident prior to an arrest that occurred at 2:38 a.m., and did not recall taking any actions that would have necessitated his doing so. Det. Ramunno's understanding of when he was required to provide civilians with business cards was that it was required when he conducted stops and when civilians requested it.

The BWC footage Det. Ramunno recorded spans a period starting with his driving and stopping a vehicle, containing conversation with § 87(2)(b) and concluding with Det. Ramunno telling § 87(2)(b) "Have a good night." Det. Ramunno does not appear to provide a business card to § 87(2)(b) during this period.

§ 87(2)(g)

Except in cases where a summons is issued, an arrest is made, or exigent circumstances are present, an officer is to offer a pre-printed Right to Know business card upon conclusion of law enforcement activities, including a stop where a reasonable person would not feel free to end the encounter. NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 203-09 (Board Review 07).

§ 87(2)(g)

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§ 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)

Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

- § 87(2)(b) has been party to one CCRB complaint and has been named as a victim in six allegations (Board Review 10):
 - § 87(2)(b)
- Det. Ramunno has been a member-of-service for seventeen years and has been a subject in 29 cases and 56 allegations, two of which were substantiated.
 - 201607043 involved a substantiated allegation of question against Det. Ramunno. The Board recommended Command Discipline A, and the NYPD imposed Formalized Training.
 - 201805543 involved a substantiated allegation of discourteous word Det. Ramunno. The Board recommended Formalized Training, and the NYPD imposed Instructions.
 - § 87(2)(g)

Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories

- On March 10, 2020, this case was returned from mediation to investigation § 87(2)(g)
- As of March 3, 2021, the New York City Office of the Comptroller has no record of a Notice of Claim being filed in regards to this complaint (Board Review 11).
- [§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]

Squad No.: 12

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